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EVERYTHING WE DO, EVERY TINY DECISION WE MAKE LEAVES ITS **MARK**...

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AT TIMES, IT IS EASY TO FOLLOW ITS PATH...

...**BUT** OFTEN, THERE ARE TOO MANY SIGNS WHICH **CONFUSE EVERYTHING.**

AND SO YOU MIGHT NEED TO FIND THE COURAGE TO **WIPE EVERYTHING AWAY** AND **START ALL OVER AGAIN**, WITH **A HEART THAT'S OPEN TO THE UNEXPECTED...**

PERHAPS, INCREDIBLE THINGS HAPPEN WHEN YOU LEAST EXPECT IT...

MOMENTS YOU'VE IMAGINED A MILLION TIMES SUDDENLY **CATCH YOU OFF GUARD...**

WILL, I... I'VE WANTED TO ASK YOU SOMETHING FOR AGES...

...AND YOU CAN'T HELP BUT WONDER IF THIS IS **REALITY...**

WELL... COULD YOU TELL ME... THE YEAR OF THE **FRENCH REVOLUTION?**

...OR JUST A **DREAM!**

WAS IT 1789 OR 1798? WELL, **WILL?**

HUH?

I... I'M SORRY... I WASN'T... UM...

IS **FALLING ASLEEP IN CLASS** A SUBTLE WAY OF TELLING ME MY CLASS IS **BORING...**

...OR SIMPLY PROOF THAT YOU HAVEN'T BEEN GETTING **ENOUGH SLEEP?**

WELL, ACTUALLY, I DID GO TO BED **A BIT LATE** LAST NIGHT!

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KIDS THESE DAYS! IF THE FRENCH HAD BEEN LIKE YOU, THERE NEVER WOULD'VE BEEN A REVOLUTION!

SEE THAT? SHE DIDN'T GET IN TROUBLE THIS TIME EITHER!

HA! HA!

NEVER A WARNING, A DETENTION, OR A TRIP TO THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE! LATELY, THE TEACHER'S BEHAVIOR WITH THAT **VANDOM...**

...HAS BEEN WAY **TOO SOFT** FOR MY TASTE!

CRACK

TOO SOFT!

THAT'S HOW I VIEW THE **WORKINGS OF MY PREDECESSOR**, VAAL!

IS THERE SOMETHING THAT'S BOTHERING YOU, ORACLE?

MERIDIAN, FOR INSTANCE! FROM WHAT I UNDERSTAND, IT IS STILL BEING GOVERNED BY THE ROYAL LINE OF **ESCANORS!**

YOUNG **ELYON** IS AN EXCELLENT RULER, LOVED AND RESPECTED BY ALL, SIRE!

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IT WAS SHE WHO ENDED THE REIGN OF INJUSTICE AND THE TERROR INSTILLED BY PRINCE **PHOBOS!**

HER **BROTHER** PHOBOS, MY DEAR VAAL!

A CLEAR **CONTRADICTION**, WOULDN'T YOU SAY?

I... I'M AFRAID I DON'T UNDERSTAND, SIRE...

YOU SOON WILL... AND WITH YOU, THE ENTIRE CONGREGATION! I INTEND TO TAKE MEASURES TO **CORRECT THIS SITUATION!**

MEASURES, ORACLE?

I INTEND TO OFFER THE PEOPLE OF METAMOOR THE CHANCE TO **DECIDE** WHO THEY WANT TO RULE OVER THEM! **FREE ELECTIONS** WILL BE HELD!

TRULY AN **HONORABLE INTENTION,** SIRE, BUT AS I SAID EARLIER, THE **LIGHT OF MERIDIAN...**

...HAS **BLOOD TIES** TO THE CRUELEST **TYRANT** METAMOOR HAS EVER KNOWN! THAT ALONE SHOULD CONCERN US...

PREPARE A **WHITE HERALD,** VAAL! HE WILL DELIVER A MESSAGE TO ELYON, REQUESTING HER TO **RESIGN** AND TO **TURN OVER THE CROWN OF LIGHT!**

A-AS YOU WISH, ORACLE!

IF THE YOUNG QUEEN IS AS WISE AS YOU CLAIM, SHE WILL PROMPTLY ADMIT HOW HIGHLY **IRREGULAR** HER RISE TO THE THRONE WAS AND WILL DO AS INSTRUCTED!

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AND IF SHE **REFUSES,** IT WILL BE CONSIDERED AN **ACT OF OPEN HOSTILITY** AGAINST KANDRAKAR!

IN ANY CASE, **LITTLE SISTER,** THE FUTURE THAT AWAITS YOU WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE A **BITTER ONE...**

SHEFFIELD INSTITUTE. FORTUNATELY, THERE ARE SHORT **BREAKS** DURING THE SCHOOL DAY!

HOT COCOA WITH EXTRA SUGAR! MAN, WILL! YOU MUST FEEL REALLY **DOWN** TO DRINK SOMETHING LIKE THAT SO EARLY!

YOU SURE KNOW HOW TO CHEER PEOPLE UP, DON'T YOU, CORNY?

CL ICK

NOBODY ASKED FOR YOUR OPINION, OKAY? I WAS JUST TRYING TO GET HER TO **TELL US THE STORY!**

WELL, WE ALREADY KNOW THE WHOLE **FAIRY TALE**, DON'T WE? WILL JUST GOT TO **KISS THE FROG AND TURN HIM INTO HER PRINCE!**

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OH REALLY, **LIL' MISS LONELY HEARTS?** BET YOU'VE GOT LOTS OF ADVICE SINCE YOU'RE AN **EXPERT IN THE FIELD!**

YOU'D BETTER ADD SOME MORE **SUGAR**, WILL! YOUR FRIEND HERE IS **PRETTY BITTER TODAY!**

BETTER A **BITTER REALIST** THAN A **SOPPY DREAMER!**

DON'T WASTE YOUR BREATH! YOUR INSULTS ARE LIKE **WATER OFF MY BACK...**

COME ON, GUYS! WOULD YOU PLEASE **CUT IT OUT** ALREADY?

CORNELIA'S RIGHT: I **FEEL LOUSY**... AND YES, IRMA: **IT'S ABOUT MATT!**

THE THING IS... I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT TO THINK...

THE LAST TIME WE TALKED, IT WAS A **TOTAL DISASTER!*** ALL WE DID WAS **YELL AT EACH OTHER...**

*AS THOSE WHO READ W.I.T.C.H. 38 KNOW.

...AND WE JUST **DIDN'T SEE EYE TO EYE!** I MEAN, IT WAS A TOTAL MESS!

HMM... SO WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO NOW?

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I'D LIKE TO FIND A WAY TO MAKE UP WITH HER AND **CLEAR EVERYTHING UP ONCE AND FOR ALL**, BUT IT'S ALL SO **DARNED COMPLICATED!**

SO TAKE HER **OUT TO DINNER! ANY GIRL** WOULD GO CRAZY OVER A **RITZY** NIGHT OUT AT THE **LODELYDAY!**

UGH!

YEAH! TOO BAD WILL'S **NOT JUST ANY GIRL!** AND THEN... IT'S A **NO-GO** TO LODELYDAY. I ALREADY MADE A FOOL OF MYSELF THERE!*

*AS THOSE WHO READ W.I.T.C.H. 16 WOULD REMEMBER.

PIZZERIA?

PREDICT-ABLE!

FAST FOOD?

NOT VERY ROMANTIC, IS IT?

POPCORN AND MOVIES?

WHEN WOULD WE TALK?

I DON'T KNOW WHAT ELSE TO SAY! YOU'RE HARD TO PLEASE. YOU COULD ASK HER TO **OUR NEXT GIG** AND...

GREAT! THAT WAY I CAN **SAY GOODBYE** TO MY **PRIDE** AND TO WILL, TOO! I'VE BEEN PLAYING SO BADLY LATELY!

HUH? HANG ON... SPEAKING OF **MUSIC**...

WAY TO GO, JOEL! THAT'S A GREAT IDEA! I CAN TAKE HER TO THE **ROCK & ROLL CAFE!**

OUCH!

!

INTERESTING PEOPLE, A LIVE BAND, GREAT MUSIC... SOUNDS LIKE A GOOD DATE, RIGHT?

THAT'S IT! I JUST HOPE SHE'S FREE **TONIGHT!** THERE'S ONLY ONE PROBLEM LEFT...

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HOW DO I GET HER TO GO?

WHAT DO YOU SAY YOU TRY **ASKING HER?**

DRIIIN♫

OH, NO! BREAK'S OVER! IF I DON'T CATCH UP WITH HER WHEN CLASSES END...

THE BOY HAS A LOST LOOK... COULD HE REALLY BE **IN LOVE?**

DON'T WORRY, MAN! IF YOU WANT TO **GET IN TOUCH WITH HER** WITHOUT COMING ACROSS AS BEING TOO PUSHY...

"...SEND HER A **MESSAGE!**"

TODAY, **METAMOOR** IS BURSTING WITH **BEAUTIFUL COLORS!**

IT IS THE START OF THE **HARVEST FESTIVAL!** VERY SOON, WAGONS FROM ALL OVER THE PLANET WILL ARRIVE AT THE **CASTLE OF MERIDIAN...**

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...LOADED WITH THE **FRUIT OF THE LAND**, TO BE **SHARED** AND **EXCHANGED** AMONG VILLAGERS AND FARMERS FROM AFAR.

IN THE HALLS OF THE PALACE, **HER MAJESTY, THE LIGHT OF MERIDIAN,** IS MAKING HER FINAL PREPARATIONS FOR THE CEREMONY.

SHE'S EXCITED. SHE KNOWS THAT **TODAY** IS GOING TO BE A **SPECIAL DAY...**

...BUT SHE CERTAINLY HAS NO IDEA WHAT IT WILL ALSO BRING HER.

HEY... A **MESSENGER** IS HERE!

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GREAT THUNDERS OF IMDHAL! IT'S A **WHITE HERALD** FROM KANDRAKAR!

"SOMETHING IMPORTANT MUST HAVE HAPPENED... BUT WHAT?"

WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO LEAVE THE ROOM, MY QUEEN?

YES! THANKS, NAGADIR!

BUT **NOT YOU, CALEB!**

PLEASE STAY HERE!

IF IT'S TRUE THAT **WORDS** CAN **INJURE** US AS MUCH AS WEAPONS...

...THE BLOW THAT ELYON HAS JUST RECEIVED IS LIKE THAT OF A **DOUBLE-EDGED SWORD!**

DISCOVERING ALL AT ONCE THAT KANDRAKAR HAS A **NEW LORD** WHOM SHE **DOESN'T EVEN KNOW...**

IT... IT CAN'T BE!

...AND THAT **HER AUTHORITY IS DOUBTED** TO THE POINT THAT HE DEMANDS SHE **RELINQUISH HER CROWN...**

...IS MORE THAN **ANYONE** COULD BEAR... EVEN A **QUEEN!**

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BUT WHY? WHAT... WHAT DID I DO WRONG?

THIS MUST BE A **MISTAKE!** THE **NEW ORACLE** PROBABLY DOESN'T UNDERSTAND THE **FACTS!**

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THE PEOPLE TRUST AND RESPECT YOU! EVER SINCE YOU ROSE TO THE THRONE, METAMOOR HAS KNOWN ONLY **PEACE AND STABILITY!** THE ORACLE **COULDN'T WISH** TO TAKE ALL OF THIS AWAY FROM THEM!

I HOPE YOU'RE RIGHT...

...BUT IN ANY CASE, I'LL SUMMON THE COUNCIL IN THE TOWER OF PROTECTORS! I NEED THE ELDERS' OPINION ON WHAT I SHOULD DO!

ELYON...

UM... **MY QUEEN...**

IT'LL ALL WORK OUT! YOU'LL SEE...

SHEFFIELD INSTITUTE. THE MOST BEAUTIFUL SOUND THERE IS.

DRIIIIN NN♫

THE BELL AFTER THE **LAST CLASS!**

THAT'S ALL, KIDS! HAVE A NICE DAY!

NICE? IT SURE ISN'T FOR **ME!**

DRIIIN NN♫

!

HEY, WILL!

WILL... WAIT UP!

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IF I CAN GIVE YOU SOME **UNWANTED ADVICE**, LOOKING AT THE BAD SIDE OF THINGS WON'T HELP THE SITUATION!

HUH?

YOU KNOW, ABOUT **YOU AND MATT!** AT TIMES WHEN THINGS GET COMPLICATED, YOU NEED TO FIND THE COURAGE TO DROP EVERYTHING, LEAVE THE PAST BEHIND, AND START ALL OVER AGAIN!

WHAT IS THIS, **NUGGETS OF WISDOM DAY?** FIRST IRMA AND NOW YOU!

IN ANY CASE, I'M **NOT IN THE MOOD** TO LISTEN TO YOUR **TEACHINGS...**

!

...BESIDES, ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE **THE RIGHT PERSON** TO BE GIVING THIS SORT OF ADVICE?

IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE YOU MANAGED TO **SAVE YOUR OWN RELATIONSHIP,** DOES IT?

STUNK

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AWW, MAN! I'M SORRY, CORNELIA! I DON'T KNOW WHAT GOT INTO ME, REALLY!

PONK

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I DIDN'T MEAN TO... IT'S JUST THAT... **EVERYTHING'S GOING WRONG** THESE DAYS... I DON'T SEE HOW THINGS COULD **GET ANY WORSE...**

SO HERE'S WHERE THE **TEACHER'S PET** IS HIDING!

HUH?

NOW IT'S **ALL CLEAR**, ISN'T IT, COURTNEY? SEE WHY **SLEEPING BEAUTY** HERE CAN DO **WHATEVER SHE FEELS LIKE IN MR. COLLINS' CLASS?**

MAYBE BECAUSE THE TEACH HAS A **SOFT SPOT** FOR THE **VANDOM LADIES?**

WHAT THE HECK ARE YOU TWO TALKING ABOUT?

WHY DON'T YOU TELL US, WILL? HOW DO YOU EXPLAIN THESE... UM... **EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES?**

ME, MOM, AND DEAN AT THE PORT FROM OUR OUTING LAST SUNDAY!

IT'S NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS!

OH, DON'T THINK WE WERE **SNOOPING!** WE WERE THERE BY **COINCIDENCE!**

YEAH... FOR OUR COLUMN IN THE **SCHOOL PAPER...**

WE WERE LOOKING AROUND HEATHERFIELD FOR A **SCOOP** FOR OUR NEXT ARTICLE!

YOU SHOULD BE LOOKING AROUND **INSIDE YOUR HEADS!**

NEWS FLASH! ALL YOUR BRAIN CELLS **LEFT TOWN!**

DID YOU HEAR HER, BESS? **HOW RUDE!**

YEAH... IT'S NO WONDER HER **DATES** ALWAYS END UP BEING **DISASTERS!**

HOW ON EARTH DID **HUGH JONES** MANAGE TO PUT UP WITH YOU FOR AN AFTER-NOON?*

YOU **WITCH!** WHY DON'T YOU JUST...

THAT'S ENOUGH!

*THIS DATE TOOK PLACE IN W.I.T.C.H. 38.

I'M GETTING OUT OF HERE!

YEAH, AND I'M GOING WITH YOU!

TOUCHY, TOUCHY! THEY JUST DON'T HAVE ANY **SENSE OF HUMOR!**

TELL ME, BESS... ANY **SCOOP** ON THE **PRINCESS** HERE?

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WHO, **LITTLE MISS FINICKY?** OF COURSE NOT! THEY'LL HAVE TO **ORDER A SPECIAL GUY** FOR HER 'CAUSE NO ONE'S **WORTHY** OF HER ON THIS PLANET!

THEN MAYBE SHE'LL HOOK UP WITH AN **ALIEN! HA! HA! HA!**

A **GREEN** GUY WITH ANTENNAS... NAMED **XY** OR **ALPHA-GAMMA** OR...

CALEB...

ALL IT TOOK WAS A MERE MENTION... A **FADED** MEMORY... AND SUDDENLY, YOU CAME **BACK INTO MY MIND...**

"HOW LONG HAS IT BEEN SINCE WE LAST SAW EACH OTHER? THE **ANGER**, THE **TEARS**, THE **REGRETS!"**

"AND NOW... I CAN BARELY REMEMBER THE **DETAILS OF YOUR FACE...** OR THE **SOUND OF YOUR VOICE..."**

"HOW STRANGE... THINKING ABOUT YOU ISN'T PAINFUL ANYMORE... WHEREVER YOU ARE, I CAN IMAGINE YOU, **WITHOUT REMORSE, WITHOUT SADNESS, AND..."**

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"...WITHOUT BITTERNESS!"

JUST AS I IMAGINED!

PUFF

THE COUNCIL OF METAMOOR HAS **AGREED** WITH ITS QUEEN!

STONK

AS EXPECTED, THE LIGHT OF MERIDIAN **HAS REFUSED TO HAND OVER THE CROWN OF LIGHT!**

VAAL, I HAVE **NO CHOICE** BUT TO PROCEED AS I **NEVER WOULD HAVE WISHED** TO DO!

SIRE?

SUMMON THE CONGREGATION IMMEDIATELY! ALTHOUGH IT **GRIEVES** ME, THE TIME HAS COME TO **REESTABLISH ORDER!**

THIS **ACT OF DISOBEDIENCE** HAS BROKEN OFF ALL RELATIONS BETWEEN KANDRAKAR AND METAMOOR...

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...AND MAKES YOU, **ELYON, AN ENEMY OF THE FORTRESS...** JUST AS I HAD HOPED!

YOU'VE FALLEN INTO MY **TRAP** WITH SURPRISING EASE, **DEAR SISTER...**

I BET YOU DIDN'T EVEN **CONSIDER THE CONSEQUENCES** OF YOUR REFUSAL...

CRCCK

...WHICH WILL END UP **JUSTIFYING THE ORACLE'S EVERY ACTION** AGAINST METAMOOR!

...NOW ALL THERE IS LEFT FOR ME TO DO IS **TAKE MY REVENGE** AND **ENJOY THE SHOW!**

I'VE CAST YOU IN THE **LEADING ROLE**, BUT YOU WILL BE JOINED BY **SUPPORTING STARS!** FIVE YOUNG, PRESUMPTUOUS MEDDLERS!

THE TIME HAS COME FOR THE **STAGE TO BE GRACED** BY CORNELIA, IRMA, HAY LIN, TARANEE AND...

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WILL...

ARE YOU FREE TONIGHT?

HMM... TOO DIRECT!

YOU FEEL LIKE GOING OUT?

BUT THEN, WHAT IF SHE SAYS **NO?**

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AAARGH!
I'M SO **STUPID!** HERE I AM THINKING OF WHAT TO SAY... BUT I SHOULD BE **FINDING HER** FIRST. I JUST HOPE SHE'S NOT...

OH MAN! DO YOU GUYS FEEL **BRAIN DEAD**, TOO?

IN YOUR CASE, IRMA, THAT'S NORMAL!

BUT IT'S TRUE! HIS **LAST CALL** WAS ALMOST... **PAINFUL!**

HANGING OUT WITH HER FRIENDS, AS ALWAYS!

YEAH... LIKE THE ORACLE **FORCED HIS WAY** INTO OUR HEADS!

BREAKING AND ENTERING! THAT'S WHAT IT'S CALLED!

WHY? YOU MEAN YOURS ISN'T **DESERTED?**

WHAT DO THOSE GIRLS ALWAYS HAVE TO TALK ABOUT THAT'S SO IMPORTANT?

WILL! HEY, **WILL!**

"IT CAN'T BE! WHERE DID THEY GO?"

"I SAW THEM WALK OVER HERE, TURN THE CORNER... I SAW THEM..."

"...OR DID I?"

"THEY SAY **THE MIND PLAYS TRICKS ON YOU WHEN YOU'RE TIRED...** BUT YOU NEVER BELIEVE IT UNTIL IT REALLY ENDS UP HAPPENING!"

"LAST NIGHT, OUR BAND **PLAYED VERY LATE.** THEN WE HAD A LATE DINNER AND TALKED... WHAT TIME DID I FINALLY GO TO BED?"

"WELL, IF THAT WAS REALLY A **HALLUCINATION,** I'D BETTER NOT GO TELLING PEOPLE ABOUT IT! **JOEL** ALREADY MAKES FUN OF ME WHEN I TALK TO HIM ABOUT WILL..."

"I'M STARTING TO THINK THE **ROCK & ROLL CAFE** ISN'T A GREAT IDEA FOR TONIGHT! I MEAN... **MUSIC AT FULL BLAST** AND **THRONGS OF PEOPLE...**"

ZIIP

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IT'D BE BETTER TO GO TO A QUIET PLACE, SOMEWHERE **OUTDOORS!** IT SHOULD BE **SOMEPLACE NICER!**

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GREAT THINKING, MATT! IT'S A SHAME A PLACE LIKE THAT **ONLY EXISTS IN YOUR IMAGINATION...**

...OR MAYBE NOT?

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JUST **WHAT YOU WERE LOOKING FOR...** ISN'T THAT RIGHT, YOUNG MAN?

A **BRILLIANT** IDEA THAT SHOULD EARN A **DEBT OF GRATITUDE** FROM MY **MASTER.**

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A DEBT OF GRATITUDE, GUARDIANS...

...THAT IS WHAT KANDRAKAR WILL OWE YOU IF YOU SUCCEED IN ACCOMPLISHING THIS DIFFICULT MISSION!

YOU CAN COUNT ON US, ORACLE!

WHATEVER TASK YOU'VE DECIDED TO ENTRUST TO US, AS ALWAYS, WE'LL DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO **RISE TO THE OCCASION!**

MAN, WILL! WHAT DID YOU EAT FOR BREAKFAST? **GRITS AND GUTS?**

ENDARNO STILL DOUBTS OUR ABILITIES, AND THE TIME HAS COME TO **SHOW HIM WHAT WE'RE MADE OF!**

THERE IS **BOLDNESS** IN YOUR WORDS, YOUNG LADY!

IT PLEASES ME. DEALING WITH THIS ENEMY REQUIRES **DETERMINATION, COMMITMENT, AND COURAGE!**

LET US **PROVE WE'RE WORTHY** OF YOUR TRUST, SIR!

THEN YOU CAN SEE FOR YOURSELVES THAT **WE DESERVE IT!**

SO BE IT! I WON'T KEEP YOU ANY LONGER! I HOPE YOU WILL STILL SHOW THIS **SELF-CONFIDENCE** AS YOU CARRY OUT YOUR TASK!

YOU GO, WILL!

ALL RIGHT!

WAY TO GO!

YOU ARE FAMILIAR WITH **METAMOOR**, ONE OF THE UNIVERSES WATCHED OVER BY THE PROTECTIVE EYE OF KANDRAKAR!

SHATZZZ

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RECENTLY, THE **RELATIONS** BETWEEN IT AND THE FORTRESS HAVE BEEN **BROKEN OFF!**

THE **QUEEN, SISTER OF THE TYRANT PHOBOS,** HAS REFUSED TO OBEY THE ORACLE'S REQUESTS...

...THAT SHE **RELINQUISH THE CROWN** AND ALLOW FOR FREE ELECTIONS TO BE HELD IN HER LAND!

!

WHAT I ASK IS THAT YOU **RE-ESTABLISH ORDER** IN METAMOOR...

...BY **REMOVING** THE LIGHT OF MERIDIAN FROM THE THRONE, SEEING TO HER **ARREST...**

...AND **FOREVER REMOVING** ANY LINK BETWEEN THE **ESCANORS** AND THE CROWN!

SHATZZZ

ANY QUESTIONS?

GOOD! THEN IT'S ALL CLEAR...

WITH ALL DUE RESPECT, SIR...

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I THINK... I THINK YOU'RE MAKING A **SERIOUS MISTAKE!**

MAYBE YOU DON'T KNOW **ELYON!** TO BRING PEACE BACK TO MERIDIAN, SHE **TURNED AGAINST HER BROTHER, PHOBOS.**

SHE HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THAT TYRANT... AND I'M SURE **PEOPLE WOULD RE-ELECT HER** ANYWAY! IF ELYON IS ON THE THRONE OF MERIDIAN, IT'S **NOT** DUE TO HER **NOBLE BLOOD** BUT HER **SPIRIT!** I KNOW THAT 'CAUSE BEFORE SHE WAS A QUEEN...

...SHE WAS **MY BEST FRIEND!**

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THE **PASSION** WITH WHICH YOU **DEFEND** THE LIGHT OF MERIDIAN IS **TOUCHING**, GUARDIAN...

...BUT I **DID NOT ASK FOR YOUR ADVICE** ON HOW TO PROCEED! IT IS NOT THE DECISION OF KANDRAKAR THAT IS BEING DISCUSSED HERE, BUT YOUR **WILLINGNESS TO COLLABORATE!**

OR MUST I **DEDUCE** FROM YOUR WORDS THAT **YOU ARE NOT PREPARED** TO ACCEPT THE TASK THAT HAS BEEN ASKED OF YOU?

YOUR REQUEST IS...

...PERFECTLY **LEGITIMATE**, SIR!

WILL! WHAT THE HECK?

YOU DON'T MEAN TO GIVE IN TO THAT **GOOFBALL RASTA**, I HOPE!

HE'S ASKING US TO **ARREST** ELYON **BY FORCE**...

...TO TAKE SIDES **AGAINST A FRIEND OF OURS!**

LET ME DO THIS, GUYS! HE'S TESTING US!

ACCORDING TO THE LAWS OF KANDRAKAR, HIS REQUEST IS JUSTIFIED! **ELYON'S LINK WITH PHOBOS** COULD BE DANGEROUS! THE **CROWN OF LIGHT** MEANS ABSOLUTE POWER, AND HE THINKS THIS COULD BECOME A PROBLEM IN THE FUTURE!

IF WE **REFUSE** TO FOLLOW ENDARNO'S ORDERS, WE'LL JUST END UP GIVING HIM...

...ONE MORE REASON TO DISCREDIT THEM! THAT'S ALL I WANT NOW, TO GET RID OF THESE GUARDIANS...

"...AND GET RID OF YOU, ELYON! **TURNING YOU AGAINST EACH OTHER** IS JUST A FIRST, SILENT STEP ON THE ROAD THAT WILL LEAD ME STRAIGHT TO **RECLAIMING METAMOOR!**"

"I CAN'T WAIT TO WITNESS THE **GRAND FINALE!** AN ARMY OF FEROCIOUS **SHARVAKS**, TRAINED WHEN I WAS STILL **PRINCE OF MERIDIAN**, IS READY TO JUMP INTO ACTION AS SOON AS YOU ARE ARRESTED..."

"I WILL SET THEM **AGAINST THE GUARDIANS!** EVERYONE WILL PLACE THE BLAME ON YOU, BELIEVING YOU ORDERED THE SHARVAKS TO ATTACK THE EMISSARIES OF THE FORTRESS WHO HAD COME TO CLAIM THE CROWN OF LIGHT..."

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...AND, AT LAST, THE **SEPARATION** OF METAMOOR AND KANDRAKAR WILL BE DEFINITIVE! AS WILL MY **REVENGE!**

THE TIME HAS COME TO **HEAR YOUR REPLY,** GUARDIANS...

...THE MOMENT HAS COME FOR YOU TO **DECIDE!**

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TO DECIDE. TO CHOOSE ONE THING OVER ANOTHER.

IT HAPPENS ALL THE TIME. EVERY DAY IS FULL OF **DECISIONS TO BE MADE.**

THOUGH AT TIMES THEY MAY SEEM **SMALL** AND **INSIGNIFICANT...**

SCHOOL PAPER MEETING: DO NOT ENTER!

...THEIR **CONSEQUENCES** CAN COMPLETELY **CHANGE OUR LIVES!**

YET CERTAINLY THE MOST DIFFICULT THING ABOUT A DECISION IS THAT...

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...CHOOSING ONE THING MEANS GIVING UP ANOTHER.

WHAT IS TO BE GIVEN UP THIS TIME? SHOULD YOU SAVE YOUR OWN FUTURE...

...OR THAT OF A FRIEND?

End of Part One.

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THIS IS **MERIDIAN**, THE CAPITAL OF **METAMOOR**, A WORLD WHICH IS CELEBRATING THE **HARVEST FESTIVAL** TODAY.

CARTS LOADED WITH **FRUITS OF THE EARTH** ARE MAKING THEIR WAY TO THE CASTLE, TO BE **SHARED** IN A **GRAND BANQUET** TO WHICH ALL ARE INVITED...

THE MUSIC IS READY... FOR MONTHS, THE **DANCERS** HAVE BEEN PRACTICING THEIR **PERFORMANCE** FOR THIS BIG EVENT.

AT THE END OF THE FESTIVAL, WHAT IS LEFT OVER WILL BE **EQUALLY DIVIDED** AMONG THE PARTICIPANTS, SO THAT EVERYONE CAN ENJOY THE GOODS HARVESTED, EVEN THOSE WHO GREW NOTHING.

...AND **UNEXPECTED VISITORS!**

I'D PICK THE ONE ON THE RIGHT...

THIS WAS THE DECISION OF THEIR QUEEN, THE **LIGHT OF MERIDIAN**. FOR HER, THIS IS A DAY OF **IMPORTANT DECISIONS**...

HEY, VATHEK! HOW'S IT GOING, BIG GUY?

PAT

NICE TO SEE YOU, GIRLS! WHAT ARE YOU DOING ON THIS SIDE OF THE WORLD?

OOOF!

PACK

YEAH... I HAVEN'T EVEN ASKED YOU THAT...

I SUPPOSE YOU'RE NOT HERE FOR THE HARVEST FESTIVAL, RIGHT?

NO, ELYON. WE WERE SENT HERE BY THE ORACLE!

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IT'S ABOUT... ABOUT THE CROWN OF LIGHT, ISN'T IT?

EXACTLY! AND I SWEAR, WE'D RATHER STAY OUT OF IT...

"...THAN CARRY OUT THE ORDERS ENDARNO HAS GIVEN US!"

A-ARREST ME?

I DON'T KNOW WHO THIS ENDARNO IS, BUT HE'LL HAVE TO **DEAL WITH ME** BEFORE I LET ANYTHING OF THE SORT HAPPEN!

AAAH!

ELYON! WHAT'S WRONG? ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

A SHARP PAIN IN MY HEAD... AS IF SOMEONE WAS TRYING TO... TO **BREAK INTO IT!** IT SOUNDS SILLY, I KNOW...

NOT AT ALL, BELIEVE US!

WE HAD THE **SAME FEELING** WHEN WE WERE LAST SUMMONED TO KANDRAKAR!

YEAH... AND IT'S EASY TO FIGURE OUT WHO THE **INTRUDER** IS!

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EVERYONE HOLD HANDS!

?

I'LL CREATE A **PROTECTIVE FIELD** AROUND US! THAT WAY, NO ONE WILL BE ABLE TO LISTEN TO WHAT WE SAY!

THERE ARE **MOMENTS** THAT SEEM TO LAST **AN ETERNITY...**

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IT'S NICE TO SEE YOU AGAIN, CORNELIA!

FZZZZZ

...AND AN **ETERNITY MADE OF MOMENTS** FROM THE PAST, READY TO **VANISH** IN THE **BLINK OF AN EYE!**

THAT IS THE **MAGIC OF TIME!**

IF YOU LET IT, IT CAN **RESOLVE TENSIONS** AND **CLEAR UP MISUNDERSTANDINGS** THAT SEEMED INSURMOUNTABLE...

...**FILLING THE HEART WITH PURE SERENITY**, WHERE THERE HAD BEEN ONLY DISCOMFORT AND REGRETS BEFORE!

TIME PASSES, ALSO TAKING WITH IT THAT MOMENT OF **NEWFOUND JOY**, TO RETURN CORNELIA AND CALEB TO THE GRAVITY OF THE PRESENT!

THERE! WE CAN TALK FREELY NOW!

GOOD, BECAUSE I WANT TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT THERE'S **NO WAY** ELYON IS GIVING UP THE CROWN!

I GET THE FEELING **SOMEBODY** HERE HAS BEEN **DAZZLED** BY THE **LIGHT OF MERIDIAN!**

MAYBE **BLINDED** IS A BETTER WORD! **HOW DARE HE** TALK TO US LIKE THAT?

CALEB!

ELYON, I... I'M SORRY, BUT THIS IS AN **ABSURD REQUEST!**

I KNOW, BUT I DON'T INTEND TO BE THE CAUSE OF MY FRIENDS' PROBLEMS! IF I DON'T GIVE IT, THEIR FUTURE AS GUARDIANS...

DON'T THINK OF US, ELYON! **YOUR** FUTURE AND THE FUTURE OF YOUR PEOPLE ARE AT STAKE!

EXCUSE ME, HIGHNESS...

MAYBE YOU COULD **GO INTO HIDING** FOR A WHILE, UNTIL THINGS HAVE CLEARED UP...

I KNOW GOOD PEOPLE WHO WOULD OPEN THEIR HOME TO YOU IN **GOHMOR**, THE PLACE WHERE I WAS BORN...

THAT IDEA **WON'T WORK**, VATHEK!

YOU KNOW AS WELL AS I DO THAT AS LONG AS THE QUEEN REMAINS IN METAMOOR, SHE RISKS BEING RECOGNIZED... NEWS TRAVELS FAST!

NO! SHE HAS TO GO **FAR AWAY...** AS FAR AWAY AS POSSIBLE!

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WELL, **ELLIE**... IT'S A SHAME YOU ALREADY KNOW **HEATHERFIELD!** OTHERWISE WE'D DRAG YOU OFF TO GO SIGHTSEEING DOWNTOWN!

THIS IS NO TIME TO KID AROUND, IRMA!

BUT THAT MIGHT BE AN **EXCELLENT SOLUTION!**

MAN! ALL OF A SUDDEN I'M STARTING TO THINK HE COULD BE A **NICE GUY!**

ENDARNO WON'T THINK OF LOOKING FOR HER ON EARTH! SHE CAN STAY THERE AS LONG AS IT TAKES... VATHEK AND I WILL INFORM THE COUNCIL!

HAH! THAT WAS EXACTLY WHAT I HAD IN MIND!

WHAT MIND?

THE ONE THAT JUST CAME UP WITH A **FOOLPROOF PLAN**, IN CASE YOU HADN'T NOTICED!

REALLY! HOW DO YOU PLAN ON HIDING ELYON **AT YOUR HOUSE** WITHOUT GETTING CAUGHT BY YOUR DAD'S **SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS?**

WHO TALKED ABOUT **MY** PLACE? SHE COULD STAY AT **ORUBE'S!** SHE LIVES ALONE... AND SHE'S A **WARRIOR**, TOO! SHE'D BE THE IDEAL **BODYGUARD!**

PERFECT...

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NOW ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS FIND A WAY TO SNEAK ELYON OUT OF THE CASTLE WITHOUT RAISING THE SUSPICION OF THE METAMOORIANS, AND...

TOC TOC

I'M SORRY TO DISTURB YOU, YOUR HIGHNESS, BUT THE CARTS ARE RIGHT OUTSIDE THE CASTLE COURTYARD!

FZZZZ

THE CONTACT IS BROKEN IN MERIDIAN...

...AND ANOTHER IS RE-ESTABLISHED IN KANDRAKAR! ELYON'S **PROTECTIVE FIELD** HAS VANISHED, SO ENDARNO CAN RETURN TO HIS FAVORITE PASTIME.

AT LAST! I STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY THE **CONTACT** WITH METAMOOR WAS INTERRUPTED...

FZZZ

...YET IT SEEMS I HAVEN'T MISSED MUCH!

THE FESTIVAL IS ABOUT TO BEGIN!

I'LL BE RIGHT THERE, NAGADIR!

VERY GOOD! YOU GO ON AND **HAVE FUN**... BECAUSE THIS WILL BE YOUR **LAST CHANCE** TO DO SO!

I'LL WAIT FOR YOU AND THE GUARDIANS TO LEAVE THE CASTLE BEFORE I **ATTACK**, DEAR SISTER... AT THAT POINT, THE **FESTIVITIES** WILL SURELY **END**...

"WHAT'S THE SAYING? **REVENGE** IS A **DISH** BEST SERVED **COLD!**"

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YUM! THIS IS ABSOLUTELY **DELICIOUS**... **CHOMP**... WHAT DID YOU SAY THESE ROLL THINGS WERE CALLED, ELLIE?

HUH?

I'M SORRY, IRMA! MY MIND WAS WANDERING! DID YOU ASK ME SOMETHING?

I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU CAN STUFF YOURSELF AT A TIME LIKE THIS!

THE FOOD'S **GREAT!** I WOULDN'T WANT TO OFFEND THE COOK!

BUT WE DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME, AND WE STILL DON'T KNOW HOW TO GET ELYON OUT OF HERE!

CALM DOWN, GUYS! **WE** CAME UP WITH A SOLUTION!

"WE"?

WELL... **CALEB** WAS TELLING ME ABOUT THE HARVEST FESTIVAL... AND SUDDENLY WE **BOTH** REALIZED THAT...

UMM... SORRY TO INTERRUPT YOU, CORNELIA, BUT...

WELL... WE DON'T WANT HIM TO **DISAPPOINT** YOU AGAIN BECAUSE...

WELL, IT LOOKS LIKE **MR. STRIPED FACE** HAS EYES FOR SOMEBODY ELSE NOW!

?

IT'S ALL RIGHT, IRMA! CALEB AND I JUST DISCOVERED SOMETHING **FANTASTIC!**

HUH? WHAT?

THAT NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENED BETWEEN US, WE CAN STILL BE **GOOD FRIENDS!**

THAT'S WONDERFUL NEWS! REALLY!

GREAT!

SO WHAT ABOUT THE **GRAND IDEA** TO HELP ELYON?

WELL, THIS PLAN MIGHT WORK! LISTEN...

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"AT THE **END OF THE FESTIVAL**, THE PARTICIPANTS' CARTS WILL RETURN TO THE VILLAGES THEY CAME FROM, AFTER HAVING DIVIDED THEIR LEFTOVER GOODS."

"THEY'LL ALL TRAVEL TO DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS, BUT **ONE OF THEM** WILL SLIP **INTO THE WOODS...**"

"...TO STOP WHEN IT REACHES A LITTLE **CLEARING!**"

PERFECT! NOBODY FOLLOWED US!

YOU CAN GET DOWN NOW, **GIRLS!**

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MAN! THAT CART SURE COULD USE SOME **SHOCK ABSORBERS!**

I SWEAR I'LL NEVER COMPLAIN ABOUT PETER'S DRIVING AGAIN!

IT WAS WORTH IT! ENDARNO THINKS WE'RE STILL IN THE PALACE. AND WHEN HE TRIES TO FIND ELYON...

...IT'LL BE LIKE LOOKING FOR A NEEDLE IN A **HAYSTACK!** HA, HA!

THANKS A LOT, GUYS! REALLY!

I HAD FUN, WILL! LAST TIME I WORE A HAT LIKE THIS WAS IN HEATHERFIELD, REMEMBER?*

THAT'S ENOUGH, VATHEK! ELYON HAS TO BE TAKEN TO SAFETY **NOW!**

CALEB!

*...AND DO YOU REMEMBER? IT HAPPENED IN W.I.T.C.H. 10.

I ENTRUST YOU WITH MY CROWN!

I'LL PROTECT IT **WITH MY LIFE**, I PROMISE YOU!

BUT NOW **YOU HAVE TO GO!** IT WON'T TAKE THE ORACLE LONG TO DISCOVER THAT YOU'RE NO LONGER AT THE CASTLE!

DON'T WORRY, CALEB! WE'LL TELL HIM THAT ELYON **ESCAPED FROM US...** HER SECRET IS SAFE!

BE CAREFUL, **MY QUEEN...**

"IF ANYTHING HAPPENED TO YOU..."

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"I WOULD NEVER FORGIVE MYSELF..."

"...NEVER!"

NEVER SAY NEVER! YOU SEE?

WHO WOULD'VE THOUGHT THAT ONE DAY YOU'D BE **BACK IN HEATHERFIELD**, HUH?

HOW DO YOU FEEL, ELYON?

IS IT STRANGE?

MAYBE YOU SHOULD SKIP THE QUESTIONS FOR NOW! SHE SEEMS CONFUSED ENOUGH, DON'T YOU THINK?

HELLO, ELYON! **WELCOME BACK TO EARTH!** I'M **ORUBE!**

FOR A **WARRIOR**, YOU DON'T LOOK SO THREATENING.

BUT DON'T MAKE HER ANGRY! SHE COULD MAKE YOUR **HOUSE ARREST** REALLY UNBEARABLE!

IRMA!

OOPS! I... I DIDN'T MEAN...

DON'T WORRY... I UNDERSTAND THE SITUATION...

ELYON BROWN WAS REPORTED MISSING WITH HER PARENTS... I'D OBVIOUSLY HAVE TO SPEND MY DAYS **LOCKED UP IN THIS HOUSE...**

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YOU'RE GOING WELL OUT OF YOUR WAY TO KEEP ME HIDDEN... AND I PROMISE THAT WHAT YOU'RE DOING WILL BE **REWARDED!**

ELYON, DON'T FEEL YOU OWE US ONE!

NO, CORNELIA! I KNOW HOW MUCH YOU GUYS ARE RISKING FOR ME, AND **AS SOON AS I GO BACK** TO MERIDIAN...

THAT IS, IF I GO BACK TO MERIDIAN...

YOU'RE TIRED AND UPSET! THINGS ARE BOUND TO SEEM DIFFICULT FOR YOU...

...BUT I'M SURE THAT AS SOON AS YOU'VE RESTED A BIT, YOU'LL START SEEING THINGS IN A BETTER LIGHT!

THANKS, ORUBE...

...AND THANKS, GUYS! I REALLY APPRECIATE ALL OF THIS!

COME ON! I'LL SHOW YOU TO YOUR ROOM!

AND IF YOU NEED ANYTHING AT ALL, I'LL BE IN THE ROOM NEXT TO YOURS!

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HERE WE ARE... GO RIGHT IN, ELYON!

"MAKE YOURSELF AT **HOME!**"

SIGH... **HOME...**

"MERIDIAN..."

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CURSES! WHERE HAVE THE GUARDIANS GONE?

BUT MOST OF ALL... WHAT'S HAPPENED TO **ELYON?**

UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, IT'S **USELESS** TO SEND IN THE **SHARVAKS!**

STON

"I JUST HOPE THAT **CEDRIC** IS HAVING BETTER **LUCK...**"

WHAT **ROTTEN LUCK!** AND IT JUST KEPT RINGING?

YEAH... NO REPLY. NOT EVEN TO MY TEXT MESSAGES! NO SIGN OF HER AT ALL...

SO IN THE END, I CALLED **HER HOUSE** AND **HER MOM** ANSWERED!

UH-OH!

NO, SHE WAS NICE! SAID WILL WAS OUT WITH HER PALS AND PROMISED TO GIVE WILL THE MESSAGE.

THEN YOU CAN STILL GO OUT TODAY... THAT IS, IF **MR. INDECISION** HAS DECIDED WHERE TO TAKE HER!

CARDIOS

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WELL... I THINK I'LL TAKE UP THE OFFER ON THAT **FLYER** THEY WERE GIVING AWAY OUTSIDE OUR SCHOOL! YOU GOT ONE?

UM... YEAH, I THINK I PICKED ONE UP, TOO, BUT I DIDN'T EVEN LOOK AT IT...

DLIN DLON

PETE'S HERE! I'VE GOT TO RUN! GOOD LUCK, MAN AND...

...GIVE ME **ALL THE DETAILS** TOMORROW!

YOU BET! SEE YOU TOMORROW!

HEY! THIS MUST BE THE FLYER OLSEN WAS TALKING ABOUT...

AN AD FOR THE NEW **CHEAP MENU** AT **GOLDEN? BAD MOVE, PAL!**

GOLDEN

NEW CHEAP MENU

"I WOULD'VE EXPECTED BETTER THAN THAT FOR SUCH AN **IMPORTANT DATE!**"

AT **FIVE?** BUT THAT ONLY GIVES ME **TEN MINUTES!**

IT LOOKS LIKE YOU ALL HAD QUITE A **LONG SNACK!**

IF I HAD KNOWN YOU'D BE **OUT ALL DAY**, I WOULDN'T HAVE SAID YES TO HIM.

I TOLD YOU... WE HAD TO TALK ABOUT OUR **SCIENCE PROJECT!**

COME ON, SUSAN! YOU KNOW THAT **BUSINESS LUNCHES** SOMETIMES TAKE LONGER!

THAT'S WHY WE HAVE **CELL PHONES!** I DIDN'T GIVE YOU ONE SO YOU COULD KEEP IT IN YOUR BACKPACK AND LET IT RING WHILE YOU WERE WANDERING AROUND **SOMEWHERE ELSE!**

SOMEWHERE ELSE? I WAS **ON ANOTHER PLANET!** BUT HOW CAN I EXPLAIN THAT TO HER?

UM... I HATE TO BREAK UP THIS **ADORABLE FAMILY PICTURE**, BUT...

IF TIME WAS **RUNNING OUT** BEFORE, NOW IT'S **SPRINTING!** IF I WERE YOU, I WOULDN'T WASTE ANOTHER SECOND AND I'D GET A MOVE ON...

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I IMAGINE OUR YOUNG **KNIGHT** WILL TRY TO SHOW UP FOR THE DATE...

...RIGHT ON TIME!

ARGH! W-WHAT ON EARTH SHOULD I WEAR?

BREEEEP

"I'VE GOT A FEELING I'M **TOTALLY UNPREPARED** FOR WHATEVER'S ABOUT TO HAPPEN!"

MATT'S ALREADY DOWNSTAIRS, WILL!

"DARN IT! I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR THIS FOR **AGES**... AND NOW THAT IT'S HAPPENING, IT SEEMS LIKE IT'S AT THE **WORST POSSIBLE MOMENT!**"

"MAYBE I'M LETTING MYSELF BE INFLUENCED BY MOM'S **TERRIBLE MOOD.**"

OH, DEAN! I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH HER ANYMORE! SHE'S BECOMING SO EVASIVE, SO DISTANT...

...SO **NORMAL**, SUSAN! YOUR LITTLE GIRL'S GROWING UP. IT HAPPENS!

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"OR MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE I REALLY DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY! I FEEL SO **AWKWARD**... LIKE A **COSMIC CLOD!**"

HI, WILL!

HI, MATT...

"AND HIM? WHAT THOUGHTS ARE HIDING BEHIND THAT SMILE? DOES HE HAVE ANY IDEA **WHERE HE WANTS TO GO?**"

GET ON AND DON'T ASK ANY QUESTIONS!

"NO QUESTIONS, HUH? EVEN BETTER! AT LEAST I WON'T HAVE TO **THINK OF SOMETHING TO SAY** FOR A LITTLE WHILE LONGER... AT LEAST UNTIL..."

"...WE GET TO OUR DESTINATION!"

WILL!

WELL, WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR? LET'S GO!

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MIRROR HOUSE

IS SOMETHING WRONG?

I... I THOUGHT THIS PLACE WAS CLOSED FOR YEARS!

CROSSING THROUGH THAT ENTRANCE IS A BIT LIKE DECIDING TO TAKE THE PLUNGE... TO CAST OFF YOUR FEARS AND DOUBTS AND TRUST THE UNKNOWN...

AN UNKNOWN MADE OF EMBARRASSMENT...

WE HEADED STRAIGHT TO KANDRAKAR! I DIDN'T EVEN LEAVE SCHOOL THROUGH THE GATES TODAY...

IT WAS! THEY FIXED IT UP! DIDN'T YOU READ THE FLYER THEY HANDED OUT AFTER SCHOOL?

NO... I...

SHYNESS...

WELL... THAT'S GOOD! OTHERWISE I WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SURPRISE YOU!

...AND UNBEARABLE SILENCE!

ND

PONK

PIRIBI PIRIBI PIRIBI

WILL, I...

MATT, I...

YOU FIRST...

NO, YOU FIRST!

WELL... I... I JUST WANTED TO APOLOGIZE FOR LAST TIME...*

*THE ARGUMENT BETWEEN WILL AND MATT IN W.I.T.C.H. 38.

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I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE HECK CAME OVER ME... I JUST GOT **CARRIED AWAY**... AND I ENDED UP **SAYING THINGS I DIDN'T THINK OVER!**

MAYBE... I HOPED YOU'D SAY SORRY FOR BAD-MOUTHING REBECCA. I JUST WANTED TO **GET A REACTION OUT OF YOU...**

...BUT **HONESTLY**, I NEVER THOUGHT YOU WERE A PERSON YOU COULDN'T TRUST! I...

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CANDIES

THAT'S ENOUGH, MATT... PLEASE!

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I'M THE ONE WHO HAS TO **APOLOGIZE!** I WISH I **COULD TELL YOU EVERYTHING**, BUT SOME THINGS ARE...

...**SO DIFFICULT TO EXPLAIN!** IT'S AS IF THERE WERE **MULTIPLE WILLS** INSIDE ME THAT DIDN'T GET ALONG...

HEY... DON'T WORRY! THE SAME THING GOES FOR ME, TOO...

IT'S NOT... IT'S NOT EASY TO **SAY WHAT YOU FEEL**, IS IT?

!

COME ON! LET'S GO FOR A RIDE ON THE **FERRIS WHEEL!**

"THE VIEW FROM **UP THERE** MUST BE **HEAD-SPINNING!**"

HNNN...

WILL! ARE YOU OKAY?

I... I THINK SO! I GUESS I JUST GOT A BIT **DIZZY!**

WELL, WHAT DO YOU THINK? DIDN'T I TAKE YOU TO A NICE PLACE?

IT'S ALL SO... SO **PERFECT,** MATT!

"UP HERE, THE NOISES FROM THE CARNIVAL SOUND LIKE A WHISPER... THERE'S A LIGHT BREEZE THAT ALMOST FEELS LIKE A **CARESS...**"

"AND LOOK AT **HEATHERFIELD!** IT'S ALMOST TWILIGHT, AND THE SUN IS ABOUT TO SINK DOWN BEYOND THE HORIZON..."

"I FEEL SUCH **INDESCRIBABLE HAPPINESS...**"

WHEN I MOVED TO THIS CITY, I NEVER WOULD'VE BELIEVED THAT ONE DAY I'D THINK IT WAS **SO PRETTY...**

YOU KNOW WHAT? I DIDN'T THINK SO EITHER...

...UNTIL **YOU** CAME ALONG!

CLUNK

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WHAT WAS THAT?

THE FERRIS WHEEL! IT STOPPED!

WILL... YOU'RE **TREMBLING!** MUST BE THE COLD WIND THAT SUDDENLY...

WHOOSH

NO, MATT! SOMETHING... SOMETHING'S HAPPENING... **I CAN SENSE IT!**

LOOK!

WHOOSH

IN THE BLINK OF AN EYE, AN ICY DARKNESS **STRIPS AWAY** THE **SOUNDS** AND **COLORS**...

...**ERASING** WHAT HAD BEEN **MERE ILLUSIONS** OF LIFE...

AND ALL THE **PEOPLE**, WILL! THEY'VE **DISAPPEARED!**

...**RETURNING** THE CARNIVAL TO ITS **TRUE APPEARANCE!** THAT OF AN **ABANDONED, SINISTER** PLACE!

THIS IS BIZARRE! I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE...

WATCH OUT!

CRACK

AAAAH!

MATT! NOOO!

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...BUT YOU DID LET ME TAKE IT **WITHOUT TRYING TO STOP ME**, DIDN'T YOU?

IN ANY CASE, I DON'T THINK YOU'LL HAVE A CHANCE TO RECLAIM IT...

...SINCE **YOU'LL NO LONGER BE HERE** TO TELL THE TALE!

SHATZZZ

NOOO! WILL!

THERE ARE EVENTS THAT **ONE'S REASONING CAN'T EXPLAIN.** THINGS THAT DEFY ALL LOGIC, REVERSING ALL EXPECTED RESULTS...

FZZZZZ

THE POWER OF THE BEAM HURLED BY CEDRIC **COULD** DESTROY WILL AND MATT IN A SINGLE BLOW... BUT **INSTEAD**, IT IS BLOCKED BY AN UNEXPECTED **BARRIER**...

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...RELEASED BY THE **HEART OF KANDRAKAR** ITSELF, WHICH SEEMED TO HAVE USED UP ALL OF ITS ENERGY... YET WHICH MATT'S INSTINCTIVE GESTURE HAS **REAWAKENED!**

UGH!

THE SPELL IS REPELLED AND FLIES BACK WITH TWICE THE INTENSITY TOWARDS ITS MAKER... CATCHING HIM **OFF GUARD** AND **VULNERABLE!**

AAARGH!

FZZZ

BEWARE OF LOVE, CEDRIC! IT OPENS UP UNIMAGINABLE RESOURCES...

...AND HIDES UNFORESEEN POWER...

YAAAA...

FZZZZ

...THAT CAN EVEN REKINDLE MAGIC!

...AAARGH! YOU HAVEN'T SEEN THE LAST OF ME!

FZZZZZZZF

BECAUSE LOVE IS THE MOST POWERFUL MAGIC OF ALL!

ZWIIIIN

WILL... I'M NOT SURE I UNDERSTOOD MUCH OF WHAT JUST HAPPENED... BUT THERE'S ONE THING I DO KNOW...

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"I WANT TO BE **THE FIRST PERSON YOU SEE** WHEN YOU OPEN YOUR EYES!"

WILL... WELCOME BACK! HOW DO YOU FEEL?

MATT! I... I...

I'M S-SORRY... IT WAS A **TRAP!** I DIDN'T SEE HIS FACE, BUT...

DON'T WORRY! IT'S ALL OVER NOW!

AND YOU... ARE YOU OKAY? THERE ARE SO MANY THINGS I **HAVE TO TELL YOU,** MATT! ABOUT WHAT JUST HAPPENED, WHAT YOU SAW...

SHHH! THAT'S NOT IMPORTANT NOW... THERE'LL BE TIME TO TALK... ALL THE TIME WE WANT!

OH, MATT, **FORGIVE ME!** I SHOOK YOU UP, I KNOW... I NEVER MEANT TO!

EVERYTHING'S FINE, WILL! AFTER ALL, I DIDN'T FIND OUT MUCH MORE THAN WHAT I ALREADY KNEW...

I... I DON'T UNDERSTAND...

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THAT **YOU'RE SPECIAL**, WILL! AND **MAGICAL!** I KNEW THAT **THE FIRST DAY** I MET YOU!

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START ALL OVER? **FORGET ABOUT IT!**

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I'D RATHER PICK UP FROM **RIGHT WHERE WE LEFT OFF...**

OLSEN AND VANDOM, HUH? I DON'T SEE EITHER ONE OF THEM HERE!

HONEST, COURTNEY! HE SAID HE WAS BRINGING HER HERE TONIGHT!

...I HEARD IT WITH MY OWN TWO EARS!

I CAN'T HEAR A THING WITH MY OWN TWO EARS! LET'S GET OUT OF THIS HORRIBLE PLACE!

HEY, BEAUTIES! AIN'T TRYING TO SNEAK OFF, ARE YA? THE PARTY JUST STARTED!

EXIT

EWW!

UM... BUT THE TWO OF US...

DON'T WORRY! I BRUNG A FRIEND!

TONIGHT, THE DRINKS IS ON ME AND JEFF, LADIES!

THANKS, BUT...

COME ON, DON'T BE SHY OR NOTHIN'! THIS PLACE IS AWFUL FUN!

LISTEN TO HOW THEY TALK!

CAR

SO YA WANT A SODA POP OR WHAT?

BESS... NO ONE CAN FIND OUT ABOUT THIS! WE'D BE THE LAUGHING STOCK OF THE SCHOOL!

DON'T WORRY! I'LL KEEP MY MOUTH SHUT JUST THIS ONCE!

TONITE HEVY METAL PART

LIVE MUSIC

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